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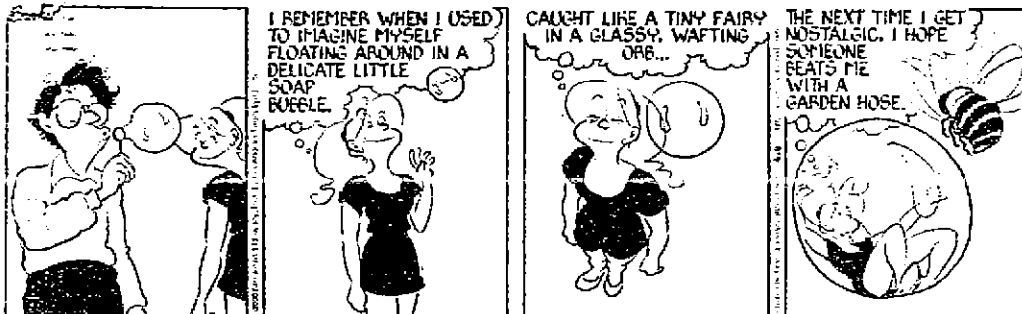
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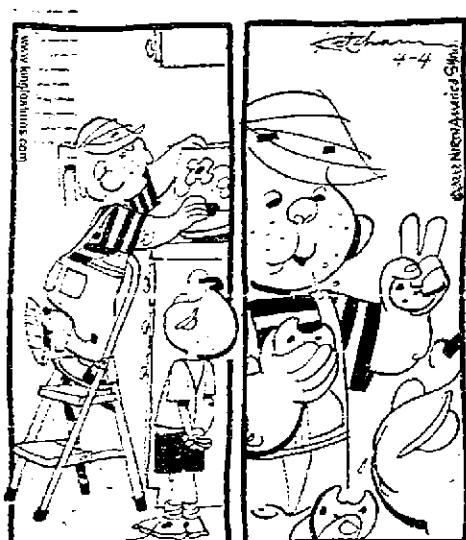
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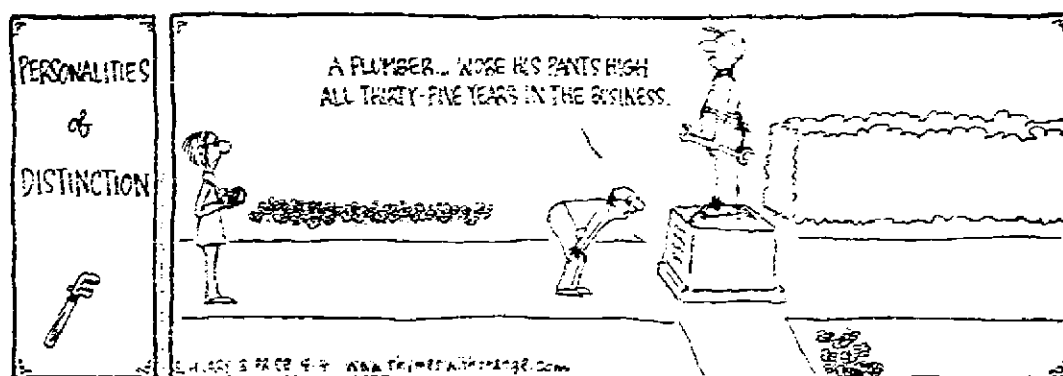
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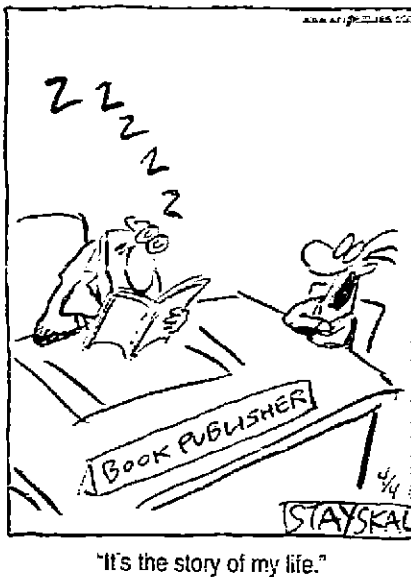
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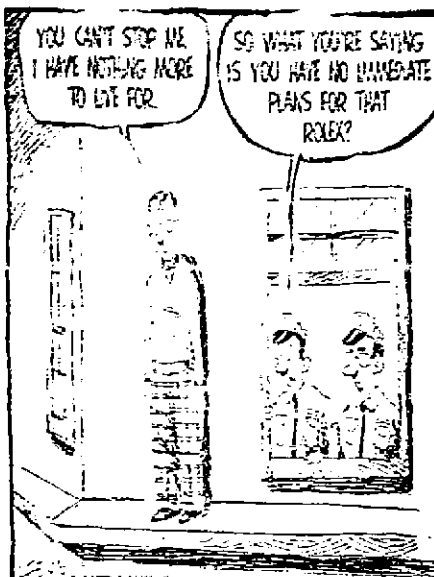
RALPH



Today's Birthdays

Author-poet Maya Angelou is 72. Sen. Richard Lugar (R-Ind.) is 68. Recording executive Clive Davis is 68. Actor Michael Parks is 62. Bandleader Hugh Masekela is 61. Author Kitty Kelley is 58. Actor Walter Charles is 55. Actress Caroline McWilliams is 55. Actor Craig T. Nelson is 54. Actress Christine Lahti is 50. Country singer Steve Gartin (The Gatlin Brothers) is 49.

I NEED HELP



SCRABBLE

SCRABBLE puzzle grid and instructions. The grid contains the following letters: E, E, U, T, L, M, A, R, N, M, D, L, A, E, T, Y, O, O, G, T, B, H, S, P, R, R, A, E. The puzzle is titled 'PAR SCORE 165-175 by JUDD'. The instructions state: 'DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blank" words are any other words not on the list. All words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Morrow-Webster) and Official Scrabble Words (Chamberlain). JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW 4-5'. The scoring directions are: 1 letter: 1 point; 2 letters: 4 points; 3 letters: 4 points; 4 letters: 4 points; 5 letters: 4 points; 6 letters: 4 points; 7 letters: 50 points. The puzzle is titled 'FOUR RACK TOTAL TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN'.

For solution, see Classified.

WORD SLEUTH

WORD SLEUTH puzzle grid and instructions. The grid contains the following letters: S, F, B, X, U, Q, M, I, F, B, Y, U, R, O, K, H, D, A, R, X, Y, U, S, Q, N, K, H, E, B, Y, V, S, P, M, E, J, H, K, E, E, B, Y, V, T, Q, O, L, I, K, G, K, D, A, D, G, B, M, Y, D, W, T, R, C, P, C, M, A, T, K, I, A, E, N, F, D, K, O, B, I, D, Y, N, E, M, E, W, U, U, S, Q, H, C, P, N, O, A, C, K, R, M, O, L, K, I, F, K, D, A, B, L, Z, I, C, O, B, X, B, W, U, S, Q, L, O, P, N, L, N, U, T, J, H, F, D, C, A, Y, W, I, V, T, S, G, B, S, G, N, O, T, Q, P, N, L, K, M, I, H, F, E, C, B, Z, Y, W, V, U. The puzzle is titled 'Monday's unlisted clue: RABBIT'. The instructions state: 'Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Tuesday's unlisted clue hint: GAME PLAYED ON ICE'. The words are: Ages, Bucket, Milk, Skate, Blue, Cream, Pack, Storm, Bound, Dancing, Pick, Tongs, Breaker, Land, Plant. The puzzle is titled '©2000 King Features, Inc. 44'.

For solution, see Classified.

HOROSCOPE

For Wednesday, April 5
ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Get out into the world and see what it has to offer.
TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Take your time when making purchases today.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) If you're having trouble making an important decision, rely on your friends or family members for help.
CANCER (June 21 to July 22) The details are important, so make sure you've covered all the bases.
LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) The Aries moon makes you receptive to new experiences.
VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Someone could be trying to learn your secrets today.
LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Your spouse or partner needs your full attention today.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Doing something for someone else is high on your list of priorities today.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) A lot can be accomplished today if you set your mind to it.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Your personal and professional lives could meet in an unexpected way today.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) You feel like you're on a different planet than most people today.
PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) Your dreams might be trying to tell you something.

ACES

By Bobby Wolff
Having passed originally, North bid an artificial two clubs to promise heart support and to inquire whether South had full opening values. This opened the door for East to compete, and he doubled to show clubs and to suggest a club lead. When South rebid hearts to promise full values, West pushed to three clubs. North now had to reach the three-level, and the defense was merciless. West led his club four, and East took the first two club tricks. On the second club, West dropped his club jack (suit preference), and East shifted confidently to his spade king. A spade continuation gave West two more spade winners, and West completed the rout by leading a fourth spade, killing dummy's spade 10. East ruffed and South overruffed, but with no discard available on dummy's high spade, South had to try the diamond finesse. It failed, and South suffered a horrendous 200-point set. Had North satisfied himself with a traditional single raise, the defense would not have had a road map, giving South a better chance to develop eight winners. A pass to three clubs would not have improved matters. West would succeed for an equally poor result for North-South.

N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 0222

N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD puzzle grid and instructions. The grid contains the following letters: C, Z, A, R, S, W, I, L, L, C, L, A, D, I, O, W, A, K, O, R, E, A, L, E, N, O, A, N, O, N, I, R, A, N, T, O, M, E, N, E, L, D, E, R, S, T, A, T, E, S, M, A, N, A, C, U, T, E, L, E, A, R, Y, A, V, A, L, O, N, E, R, A, T, G, I, L, L, A, U, T, O, N, O, M, I, C, O, N, A, O, L, D, M, A, I, D, I, V, E, G, O, R, E, V, I, D, A, L, S, C, A, N, Q, U, E, S, D, E, C, E, N, T, S, E, O, U, L, A, M, U, L, E, A, N, C, I, E, N, T, M, A, R, I, N, E, R, I, T, O, N, O, R, A, T, E, E, L, A, N, N, E, M, O, N, A, Z, I, S, R, I, C, O, T, R, E, X, O, P, E, N, S, Y, A, K, S. The puzzle is titled 'ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE'. The words are: 1 One of the worlds in 'The War of the Worlds', 39 Frankfurt's river, 40 Crescent shapes: Var., 41 Skill, 43 Word for Yorick, 44 Stars and Stripes land, 47 Compassionate, 48 End of the quip, 51 Verso's opposite, 52 Ancient Greek colony, 57 Mrs. Gorbachev, 61 Speaker of the quip, 63 Cockeyed, 64 Gyro meat, 66 Prefix with second, 67 Cubic meter, 68 Devil's doing, 69 Town on the Thames, 70 Model at work, 71 Like Marilyn Monroe, 72 Learning the times table, e.g., 1 Home run champ until 1998, 2 Up's partner, 3 Rene of 'Tin Cup', 4 Beef on the hoof, 5 Catcher's need, 6 Unlike this answer, 7 Jersey greeting?, 8 '... luck?', 9 Bow and scrape, 10 Grenoble girlfriend, 11 Fox of 'Sanford and Son', 12 Like fine wine, 13 Word before 'a soul', 21 Ledger entry, 25 'Then what?', 26 Hither's partner, 27 Wrap in bandages, 29 Make certain, 30 1947 Oscar winner: Celeste, 31 Light bulb, figuratively, 32 Chattanooga's home: Abbr., 33 One-named designer, 34 Meat loaf serving, 54 'Rad!', 59 Alibi (excuse makers), 55 Comeback in a kid's argument, 60 Withered, 56 Make amends, 62 With adroitness, 57 Coarse file, 64 '... Miz', 58 Concerning, 65 Forum greeting.

N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD puzzle grid and instructions. The grid contains the following letters: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13, 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33, 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56, 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72. The puzzle is titled 'Puzzle by Dorothy E. Donaldson'. The words are: 34 Meat loaf serving, 54 'Rad!', 59 Alibi (excuse makers), 55 Comeback in a kid's argument, 60 Withered, 56 Make amends, 62 With adroitness, 57 Coarse file, 64 '... Miz', 58 Concerning, 65 Forum greeting.

Answers to any three clues in this puzzle are available by touch-tone phone: 1-900-420-5656 (95c per minute). Annual subscriptions are available for the best of Sunday crosswords from the last 50 years: 1-888-7-ACROSS.